Small Industries

(i) General Engineering work
(ii) Leather goods Manufacturing
(iii) Wooden/cane furniture manufacturing

Small business

(i) Grocery shop (ii) Petty shop (iii) Fire-wood shop (iv) Mobile vending

Service Units

(i) Carpentry (ii) Laundry (iii) Auto Rickshaw (iv) Sound Service etc.

Reservation Facility to Converted Christians

4032. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI J.S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has recently informed the National Council for Churches in India that Government would consider extending the job reservation facility applicable to scheduled castes, to all those who have embraced Christianity; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to implement it?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration.

Special Care to The Physically Disabled Persons

4033. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mentally retarded, deaf and dumb and physically handicapped persons are frequent victims of crimes of violence, rape, fraud etc.,

(b) whether it is also a fact that such person need special protection and attention; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to amend the Indian Penal Code, Criminal Procedure Code and Evidence Act for speedy and deterrant action against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Ministry of Home Affairs is alreday seized of the matter of amending the Indian Penal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code in so far as it relates to the handicapped persons. There is no proposal at present to amend Evidence Act.

Reservation For SCs/STs In Government Departments

4034. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the date when reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes was introduced in Government Jobs;

(b) whether posts set apart for them have actually been filled up;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken to fill up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The reservation for SC and ST was introduced on 21.9.47 and 13.9.50 respectively in direct recruitment and was subsequently extended to promotions in stages.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Vacancies set apart for SC/ST are being filled up to the extent of availability of these candidates for appointment/promotion.

(d) As in the statement enclosed.

Statement

Steps taken by the Government to fulfil the reserved quota are as follows:—

(i) Government has banned dereservation in all cases of direct recruitment to fill the vacancies in groups A,B,C and D. According to this, if SC/ST candidates are not available to fill the vacancies reserved for